

### **REMARKS**

Applicants have now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of July 1, 2005.

Reconsideration of the Application is requested.

#### **The Office Action**

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,359,436 to Dichter, et al.

Claims 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,739,917 to Shu, et al.

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dichter.

Claims 8 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dichter in view of Shu.

Claims 12-14 and 16-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claims, but are otherwise indicated as being allowable.

#### **Summary of the Amendments to the Claims**

Claims 1-8, 10 and 15 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Claims 9 has been amended to depend from claim 14, and claims 11 has been amended to depend from claim 12.

Claims 12, 13 and 14 have been placed in independent format.

Accordingly, all remaining dependant claims now depend from independent claims 12, 13 and 14, respectively, which have already been indicated as allowable.

### **CONCLUSION**

For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted all claims remaining in the application are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this Amendment B. However, the undersigned attorney of record hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Deposit Account No. 24-0037.

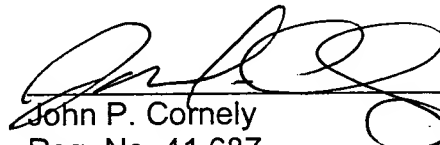
In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call John P. Cornely, at Telephone Number (216) 861-5582.

Respectfully submitted,

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